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(*c*) whether the Honorary Cardiologist has had any opportunity of studying the science recently either in England or on the continent; and

(*d*) when did this gentleman visit the western countries, if any, and in what capacity?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member has apparently in view the appointment of M.R.Ry. T. Krishna Menon Avargal, M.B.C.M. (Mad.), M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.), Honorary Physician, Government General Hospital, Madras, as Honorary Lecturer in Cardiology and Hæmotology, in the Madras Medical College. This Lecturer is not, however, in charge of any special department for Cardiology in the Government General Hospital, Madras.

(*b*) His special qualifications are that he has undergone post-graduate study in England in the following hospitals:—

(1) Charing Cross Hospital, London.
(2) Brompton Hospital for diseases of chest.
(3) West London (Post-Graduate) Hospital.
(4) Mount Vernon Hospital, London.

Since appointment as Honorary Physician, Government General Hospital, Madras, he has been working in the special subject under the directions of the Professor of Medicine, Medical College, Madras, as there are facilities for the study of the subjects at the General Hospital.

(*c*) He has had no occasion to visit England or Continent recently.

(*d*) He visited England in 1913 and was then a post-graduate student there.

Mr. V. P. NARAYANAN NAMBIYAR:—"May I know whether in the case of Provincial Service officers such as Professor of Physiology, Madras Medical College, Professor of Bacteriology, Madras Medical College, Professor of Pharmacology, Madras Medical College, Lecturer in Operative Surgery, Vizagapatam Medical College, appointments have been made subject to this rule, viz., that within five years they must qualify themselves for the post by passing higher examinations. May I know whether that is not the rule?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"That rule applies only with reference to paid appointments. In the case of these honorary appointments the Surgeon-General has got the discretion to appoint such men as he thinks best."

Appointment of a lecturer in Cardiology.

* 278-B *Q.*—Mr. H. M. JAGANNATHAM: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) why a lectureship in Cardiology was created this year in the Madras Medical College, and whether the same was advertised;

(*b*) how many candidates applied for the place;

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(c) what the qualifications of the selected candidate were; and

(d) whether the selection was made by the Madras Services Commission or by whom it was made?

A.—(a) No lectureship in Cardiology was created in the Madras Medical College. Dr. T. Krishna Menon, M.B.C.M., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Honorary Physician in the General Hospital, Madras, was appointed Honorary Lecturer on Cardiology and Hæmatology in the Madras Medical College without any remuneration or honorarium for the work.

(b), (c) & (d) Do not arise.

Duties of the Professor of Operative Surgery, Medical College, Madras.

* 279 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of lectures that the Professor of Operative Surgery in the Madras Medical College has to deliver every year; and

(b) the monthly allowance that he is being paid for this work, and the number of his assistants and their respective allowances?

A.—(a) Four hours of Lecture Demonstrations weekly, extending over three terms of three months each.

(b) Rs. 250.

There is one assistant to the Professor of Operative Surgery and he is paid a monthly allowance of Rs. 125 (including a City allowance of Rs. 50).

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know whether lectures on all the subjects on which the Professor of Operative Surgery in the Madras Medical College has to deliver are finished by him every year and not dragged on for a pretty long time?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"My hon. Friend may have more information. But all I can say is that the Surgeon-General is satisfied with the work done by that professor."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"May I know who is the present incumbent in the professorship of physiology in the Medical College?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"I cannot give the information offhand."

Strength of the first-year classes of Tanjore and Rayapuram Medical Schools.

* 280 *Q.*—Mr. C. Basu Dev: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the maximum strength allowable of the first-year classes of the Tanjore and Rayapuram Medical Schools;

(b) how many students are now in those classes; and

(c) whether there are any vacancies in those classes and, if so, what steps are being taken to fill them up?